HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

FOR

SUPERINTENDENT JOHN C. COX

Sunrise:
May 4,1945

Sunset:
June 26, 2019

Service
Friday, July 12, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Love Chapel Church of God In Christ
2693 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

Officiating - Bishop Nathaniel Bullock

Obituary

Superintendent John Charles Cox was born to Corrinna Chapman on May 4, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois.

Superintendent Cox, his mother, and grandparents, Merrill and Olga Chapman, moved to Oakland, California when he was 8 months old.

Superintendent Cox received his education in Oakland, California attending Willow Manor Elementary, Lowell Junior High, and McClymonds High School. He also attended Laney College.

Superintendent Cox received the following degrees:

Diploma in Bible - Bay Cities Institute
A.A. Associate of Arts - Golden State School of Theology
B.TH.- Bachelor of Theology - Golden State School of Theology
M.Div.- Master of Divinity - Golden State School of Theology
D.Min.- Doctor of Ministry - Golden State School of Theology

Superintendent Cox was a member of ILWU Local 6 for 49 years. He worked for Thrifty Drug Store for 11 1/2 years. He also worked for Parker Brothers Warehouses for 5 years. Later he started working for Waste Management of Alameda County on May 10, 1989 and retired from the company on July 29, 2011.

Superintendent Cox married Shirley Rae Givens on October 8, 1966 in Las Vegas, Nevada. To this union was born two daughters - Tonya Maria Cox and Benita Dion Cox.

Superintendent Cox was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at Good Samaritan Church of God in Christ on January 28, 1960. Under the late Bishop Isaac Finley, Pastor Cox was called to preach in 1968 and was ordained in 1970.

Prior to attending Good Samaritan Church of God In Christ, he, his mother, and stepfather, the late Elder Earl T. Cox, attended Morning Star Church of God In Christ under the late Pastor Superintendent T. W. Vaughn.

While attending Good Samaritan Church of God In Christ (he was a member for 37 years), he was the Assistant Pastor for 11 years. In the North Central Jurisdiction

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under the late Bishop German R. Ross and Bishop Martin J. Clifton, he was State Program Chairman and Assistant State Chaplain.

Superintendent Cox became Pastor of the Love Chapel Church of God In Christ in San Francisco, California on June 14, 1995 and came under the leadership of Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Prelate of the California Northwest Jurisdiction. Under the California Northwest Jurisdiction he was the Assistant Superintendent of the Greater Emanuel District for over 10 years, serving under Superintendent Dr. John W. Williams. Also other positions he held in the California Northwest Jurisdiction were Member of the Ordination Board, Member of the Chaplains Staff, Member of the Elders Council - one of nine Judges. On June 11, 2005 became Vice Chairman of the Elders Council. On September 19, 2007, became Treasurer of California Northwest Jurisdiction. On January 19, 2008, became Superintendent of the Greater Emanuel District. In 2010 he became Treasury of Superintendents Board and Secretary of Ordination Board.

On May 27, 2010, the Greater Emanuel District was dissolved and in its place the District became the San Francisco District with Superintendent Cox as the Superintendent.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Corrinna Cox-Graham, his grandparents, Merrill and Olga Chapman, two stepfathers, Elder Earl T. Cox and Deacon Jessie Graham, Uncle and Aunt, Charles and Hortense Moss, Uncle and Aunt, Elwood and Marie Chapman, Aunt Helen Keels, Uncle and Aunt, Leroy and Mary Jenkins, Uncle and Aunt, Bishop C.C. and Thelma Cox, Uncle and Aunt, Elder James and Ethel Cox, Uncle and Aunt, Olester and Charlotte Cox, Aunt Earnestine Cox, Uncle Wade Cox, Aunt Jo Ann Davis, Aunt Georgia Cox, Cousin Henry Hardwick, Brother and Sister In-Law, Melvin and (Alma) (Doris) Givens Jr., Brother and Sister In-Law, Charles and Jewel Givens, Sister In-Law, Lula Richards, Sister In-Law, Drucilla Givens, Sister In-Law, Deloris Givens, Brother In-Law, Robert Turner, Brother In-Law, Lawrence Daniels, Brother In-Law, Homer Davis.

Superintendent leaves to mourn him his wife, Shirley G. Cox and two daughters, Tonya M. Cox and Benita D. Cox. Brothers-in-laws: Pastor Chester (Florence) Givens, Richard Givens, Michael (Carolyn) Givens all of Las Vegas, Nevada, two sisters-in laws: Thelma Turner, and Rose Givens all of Las Vegas, Nevada, cousins Tammie Robinson of Hayward, California, Dianne Millner of Oakland, California, Robert and Gloria Davis of Oakland, California, Marlene Boffman and Marsha Gordon of Columbus, Ohio, special friends Victorene Houston, Caroll Barnes, Rosie Adkins, and Sabana Trimble, Elrena Matthews who his mother raised with him, and host of other cousins, nephews, nieces, great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Facilitator - Pastor Leonard Jackson, ThD

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Derrick Lomax

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Scripture .....Pastor Larry Cotton

New Testament Scripture.....Elder Maurice Lyons

Musical Selection.....Pastor Robert Lyons

Reading of the Obituary.....Sandra Burnside

Musical Selection.....Pastor Robert lyons

Expressions.....Family & Friends

Two minutes each please

SPECIAL REMARKS

Expressions.....Pastors and Elders

Neighbor.....Deacon Olee Wade

Special Friend .....Missionary Carol Barnes

Special Friend .....Missionary Victorene Houston

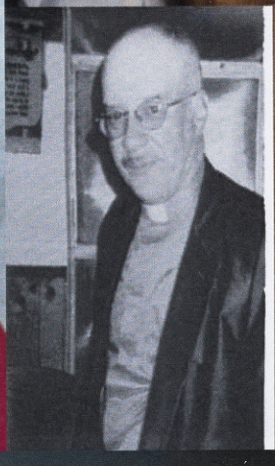
Special Friend .....Missionary Rosie Adkins

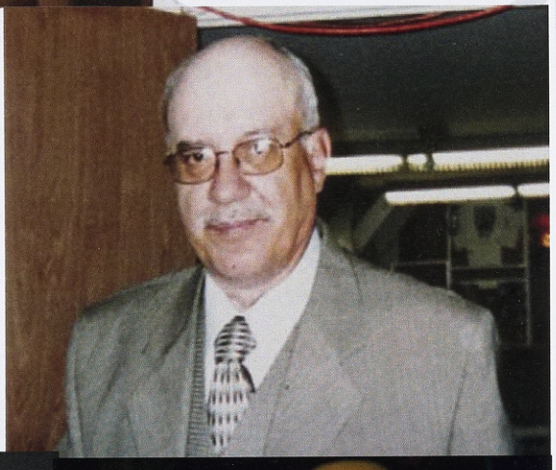
Musical Selection.....Pastor Rickie Hannah

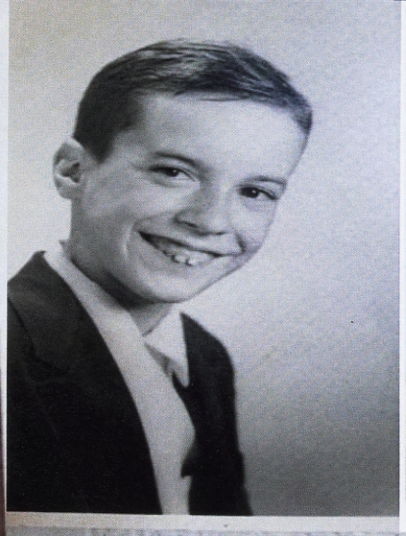
The Eulogy.....Bishop Nathaniel Bullock

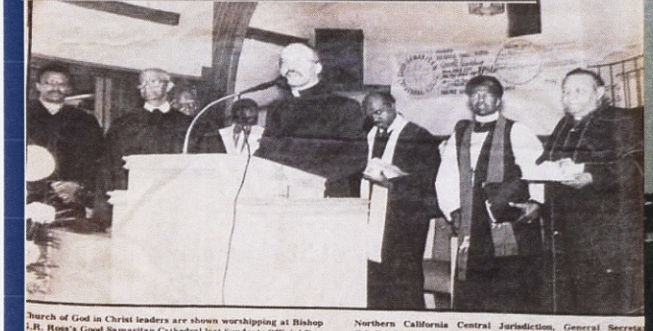
The Parting View.....Funeral Directors

Burial at Rolling Hills Memorial Park

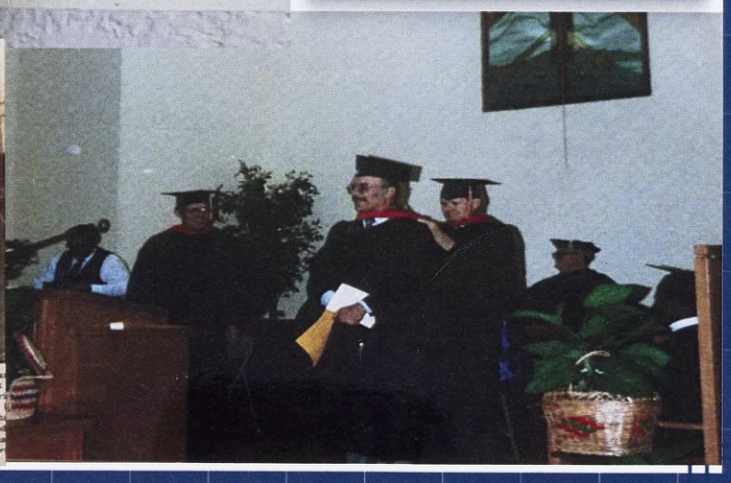


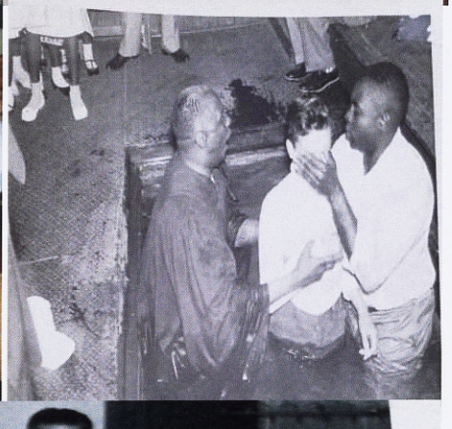


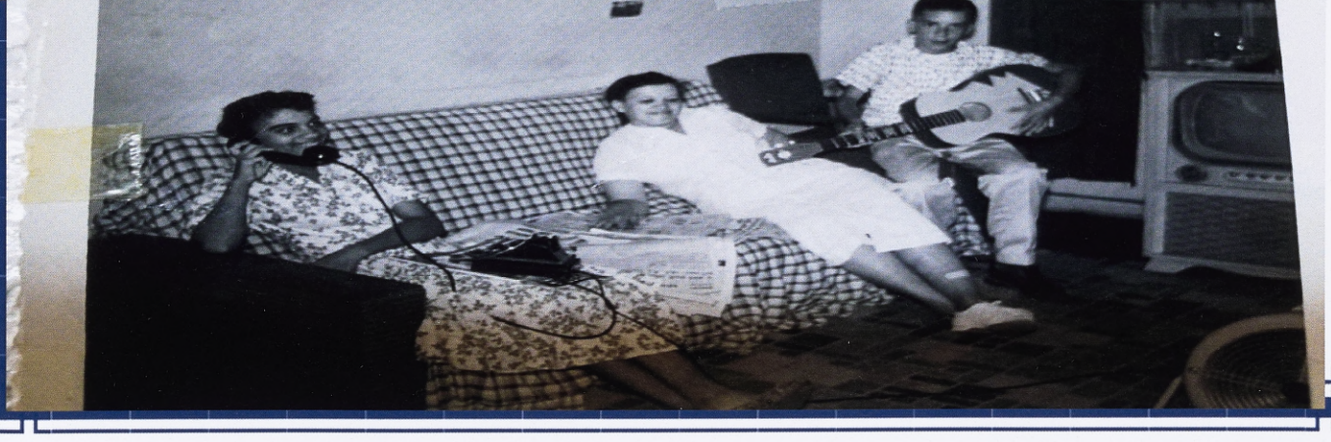




Church of God in Christ leaders are shown worshipping at Bishop J.R. Ross's Good Samaritan Cathedral last Sunday's Official Day services. Left to right: Perry Williams, District Superintendent Bethel Dist. (Oakland); Thurland Daniels, District Superintendent Greater Harvest; Lelone Germany, District Superintendent Trinity Dist. (Oakland); John C. Cox, State Chaplin and Assistant Pastor, Good Samaritan Cathedral C.O.G.I.C.; Garland Bluford, Superintendent Greater Pacific (San Francisco); Bishop German [illegible] Bishop Good Samaritan Cathedral C.O.G.I.C. & Bishop for Northern California Central Jurisdiction, General Secretary C.O.G.I.C., Inc.; Bishop M.J. Clifton, Administrative Assistant Bishop Ross, President of Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, General Board Member CNC Jurisdiction. Photo Donald Cunningham. Board members not present are: Marsh Q.C. Simmons, Pastor, Agnes Memorial C.O.G.I.C. (Oakland Donald R. Murray, District Superintendent, New Covena District (Oakland) - City of Refuge; A.D. Willis, Superintende Oakland -1 - Pastor, City of the Valley (Oakland).







ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Deacon Richard Givens
Pastor Rickie Hannah
Pastor Rickie Williams
Pastor Jerry Bean

Honorary Pall Bearers

Elder Donnie Royal
Sabana Trimble
Tonya Marie Cox
Elder Bobby Davis
Pastor Robert Lyons
Benita Dion Cox

Rest in Peace by Grace E. Easley

Rest in peace, how much this says, be free of pain no more to weep. Find joy that never ends, possess new life that here you could not keep. Rest in peace, and through we grieve, reaching for your hand in vain, our faith is such that we believe that all of us shall meet again. Rest in peace, the drums are still, the smoke has cleared, the battle's done. And now forever yours to keep the golden prize that you have won. Against the sunrise on the hill, your colors wave upon the breeze, with shield of honor, lance of truth, you overcame with such as these. No dirge of sorrow shall we play, for one who goes to meet the Lord. Could but we all be Heaven's guests, as you receive your just reward. Dear blessed sleep that merely marks the ending of a holy quest, your gentle touch remains upon the hearts of those who loved you best.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It means so much to all of us to see and feel the outpouring of your love. We appreciate the many comforting messages, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concern. Your thoughtfulness has meant much to us and shall long be remembered.

A Special Thank You to Pastor Leonard Jackson and Elder Ron Cole.

Thank You

The Cox Family

Services Entrusted to Colonial Chapel